

SAINT THERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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December 8, 2019 **MINISTERED BY THE DISCALCED CARMELITE FRIARS** Estab. 1924



Pastor: Fr. Philip Sullivan, OCD X222;
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In Residence:
Fr. Albert Bunsic, OCD X335;
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Bro. Jason Parrott, OCD (7th Grade Teacher)

Deacons: Deacon Joseph Mizerski X333;
Deacon Gilbert Vargas X333

NEW PARISHIONERS,

Register in the office at 510 N. El Molino Street, Alhambra.

Office Hours are Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm; from 2:00 to 5:00 pm; and from 6:00 to 8:00 pm (closed from 1:00 to 2:00 pm and from 5:00 to 6:00 pm).

The Eucharistic Adoration Chapel is open 24/7. An electronic key is needed from 5:00 pm to 6:00 am (available in the office for \$20).

SAINT THERESE CARMELITE SCHOOL (626) 289-3364

www.SaintThereseCarmeliteSchool.com

Principal: Alma Cornejo X661

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Chaplain: Fr. Matthias Lambrecht, OCD X224

See our **VIDEOS** on the School's Facebook page or on the Church's Website: > Our School > Videos



MASSES AND SERVICES

Monday-Saturday: 6:00 & 8:00 a.m.
Carmelite Cloister: 7:30 a.m.

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m., & 5:00 p.m.
Latin High Mass: 1:00 p.m.

Confessions: Wed: 7:00-8:30 p.m.; Sat: 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Daily Rosary: Mon-Sat after the 8:00 a.m. Mass

Exposition/Benediction: Thursdays, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

First Friday: Mass and Confessions: 7:30 p.m.

Baptisms: Once a month on a Saturday

Weddings: Fill out an application (website or office) six months+ in advance

Holy Communion to the Sick: Fred & Margaret Padilla, (626) 282-0943

Anointing of the Sick: Call the office to schedule an appointment.



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

(Grade School, Confirmation

for Youth & Adults,
RCIA, and Liturgical
Ministries): Call
the main office

Our Annual Guadalupe Dinner Festival



We can't wait to see YOU at this Annual Parish and School event! It will be held in the Hall from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., on Saturday, December 14. For dinner you will have your choice of several "Foods from Around the World," including Fr. Philip's World Famous Turkey Pozole, Grandma Carmelita's Tacos, homemade Pancit, authentic Italian pasta, and much more.



You will also have the opportunity to purchase gift baskets and raffle tickets—and to watch as we pull the winning ticket in the Early Bird raffle. During the evening, you will be entertained with live music and dancing performances. Admission is **FREE**, with the food sold *a la carte*.



Tickets will be sold at the Dinner for the **WINTER DRAWING** for the following cash prizes:

Grand: \$2,500; 2nd: \$1,000; 3rd: \$500. Tickets are \$3 each OR ten for \$25.

The winning ticket will be drawn at the Silent Auction Gala on February 21, 2020;



We will have an **EARLY BIRD DRAWING** (from all the entries for the Winter Drawing) at the Guadalupe Dinner to win a very nice wine basket.

We'll see YOU there!

Second Sunday of Advent



As the Sundays of Advent unfold, the Scriptures shift focus from the final coming of the Lord to His historical birth. Today's Scriptures blend the two. Isaiah's disillusionment with the kings of his own day led him to envision an ideal King who would rule with divine approval and be led by divine wisdom.

For centuries, the Jewish people anticipated the arrival of that Messiah, who would usher in a blessed age when the whole world would finally dwell in justice and peace. After centuries of such growing expectation, the preaching of John the Baptist about the imminent arrival of the Messiah could not help provoking intense interest. The Baptist's message about preparation for "the One who is coming" (Matthew 3:11) makes clear that Jesus is, in fact, the long-awaited One who is ushering in the new age foretold by Isaiah and all the prophets.

BUS TO WEST COAST "WALK FOR LIFE"

Vox Vitae is going to the Walk for Life in San Francisco on January 25th!—two months from now! The Walk and its counterpart, the March for Life in Washington, DC, commemorate the anniversary of *Roe vs. Wade*, the Supreme Court decision that stripped legal protection from unborn children on January 22, 1973. Since then, more than 60 million babies have been aborted in the United States. The Walk for Life is not a party. Rather, over 60,000 people gather together to remember the dead and resolve anew to work to end abortion. We remember also the wounded mothers, fathers, and other family members of the babies.



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN to join Vox Vitae in San Francisco for the 2020 Walk for Life (we'll have TWO buses!). Join us! You can register at VoxVitae.org at the Events page. Our tentative schedule on **Saturday, January 25, is:**

Please be a VOICE FOR LIFE! Register today!

Midnight - Check-in at St. Therese Church; **1:00 a.m.**—Depart; **7:00 a.m.**—Arrive in San Francisco; **7:30 a.m.**—Continental breakfast; **9:30 a.m.**—Mass at Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption; **11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**—Info Faire (Lunch can be purchased; bring your own lunch money!); **12:30-1:30 p.m.**—Speakers and rally; **1:30 p.m.**—Walk for Life; **4:30 p.m.**—Bus pick-up at Pier 1; **5:00 p.m.**—Protest at UCSF, the nation's abortion training headquarters and where they harvest organs from late-term babies; **5:30 p.m.**—Bus pick-up at UCSF; **6:00 p.m.**—FREE BBQ dinner at Our Lady Star of the Sea; **7:30 p.m.**—Bus pick-up at Our Lady Star of the Sea; **1:30 a.m.**—Arrive back at St. Therese Church on January 26.

The anniversary of *Roe vs. Wade* is an especially important time to demand legal protection for unborn babies.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Genesis 3:9-15,20; Psalm 98:1-4;
Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12; Luke 1:26-38

Tuesday: Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 96:1-3,10,11-13;
Matthew 18:12-14

Wednesday: Isaiah 40:25-31; Psalm 103:1-4,8,10;
Matthew 11:28-30

Thursday: Zechariah 2:14-17 or Revelation 11:19;
12:1-6,10;
Judith 13:18,19;
Luke 1:26-38 or 1:39-47

Friday: Isaiah 48:17-19;
Psalm 1:1-4,6;
Matthew 11:16-19

Saturday:
Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11;
Psalm 80:2,3,
15-16,18-19;
Matthew 17:9,10-13



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS!



Each Saturday morning, volunteer Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion bring Our Lord to the Catholic residents of Brookdale Assisted Living facility in Alhambra. We are in need of additional volunteers to serve the Sick at this location. If you are interested in helping, please contact the Coordinator, Larry Regalado, at 788-6085.

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

"...for God loves a cheerful giver"
(2 Corinthians 9:7)

May God reward you! Below you will find the total collections for the last few weekends.

NOTE: The second collection on the 2ND WEEKEND each month is for our School (next is December 14 / 15).



Due to the holidays, this bulletin was printed before the weekend of November 30/December 1; therefore, those collection totals are not available for publication yet.

November 2 / 3..... \$17,392.00
 November 9 / 10.....\$17,120.00
 November 16 / 17..... \$23,358.00
 November 23 / 24..... \$11,110.00

Check Users:
 Please use a donation envelope in order to more easily credit your account.

CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE



Please bring food & turkeys and hams on Sunday, December 22!

Our next food drive will be for those in need for Christmas. Please help us by donating non-perishable food items (boxes, bags, cans) AND turkeys and/or hams! Please bring these items to the Parish Hall on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., and 4:30 and 6:30 p.m.

We will have freezers available in the Hall that day to place the turkeys and hams until we distribute them the next evening.

**Remember...
 God will not be
 outdone in generosity!**

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

This Monday, December 9, is the observation of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This feast is normally a Holy Day of Obligation but not in 2019. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops explains, **"Since December 8, 2019, is the Second Sunday of Advent, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred to Monday, December 9, 2019. The obligation to attend Mass, however, does not transfer."**



However, we encourage you to attend Mass on December 9 to honor our Heavenly Mother and to seek her powerful intercession. Our Mass times are 6:00 and 8:00 a.m., and 7:30 a.m. at the Cloistered Carmelite Convent.

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL



"When we are before the Blessed Sacrament, let us shut our eyes and open our hearts; and the good God will open His. We will go to Him, and He will come to us, the One to give, and the other to receive. It will be like a breath passing from One to the other. What delight we find in forgetting ourselves so that we may seek God!" -St. John Vianney (the Curé of Ars)

Our Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration chapel is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week (for security it is locked in the evening until 6:00 a.m. the next day; for a \$20 fee paid in the office during open hours, you can get an electronic key that will open the chapel during the hours it is locked).

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE AND ST. JUAN DIEGO

In her Magnificat, Mary is quoted as saying, "God has cast down the mighty from their thrones and lifted up the lowly" (Luke 1:52). How well Mary's words can be used to describe St. Juan Diego, whom she appeared to on four separate occasions in December of 1531 on Tepeyac Hill in Mexico. St. Juan Diego faithfully delivered the Virgin's request that a church be built at Tepeyac. Through him, for the diverse peoples of the Americas, indigenous and immigrant, the Mother of God became known as their Mother, too. To the skeptical bishop's request for a sign, Our Lady showed Juan Diego roses blooming through stony ground, despite winter's cold. When he unfolded his tilma to present them to the bishop, imprinted there was Mary's image! Her blue sash and the flower over her womb were traditional Aztec symbols of pregnancy and new life. But her features were those of a mestiza, indicating mixed Aztec-European heritage. Thus to peoples too easily prone to a "clash of cultures," Our Lady of Guadalupe remains the enduring icon of unity-in-diversity, the fruit of our one baptism into Jesus, her Son.



Feast of SJD: December 9
Feast of OLG: December 12

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION | BIBLE STUDY GUIDEBOOKS

* **STRE** (Kindergarten through 8th Grade, including Eucharist Preparation): Classes are in session **TODAY, Sunday, December 8, and Sunday, December 15, at 9:00 a.m.**

• **CONFIRMATION** (High School): Classes for First Year (C1) are **TODAY, Sunday, December 8, at 9:00 a.m., and Tuesday, December 10, at 7:00 p.m.** Classes for **Second Year (C2)** will be **Sunday, December 15, at 9:00 a.m., and Tuesday, December 17, at 7:00 p.m.**

• **RCIA:** For those wishing to become Catholic or to complete your Sacraments, join us! Classes are held in the Parish Meeting Room on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Upcoming dates are December 12 and 19.



Study Guides for our current Bible study, "*The Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy*," are available

for \$30 for any persons wishing to watch lecture presentations online and do individual studies at their own pace.

If interested, call Debbie Robles at 679-6370 to register, drop off a check (payable to St. Therese Church), then pick up your Guide from the Parish Office. For more information, visit www.ascensionpress.com or contact Debbie at debrobles@me.com.

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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DECEMBER

Read: "The World's First Love," by Venerable Bishop Fulton Sheen (soon to be beatified!).

Listen: "Lectio: Mary, The New Eve," with Dr. Brant Pitre (Eight 35-minute sessions from which to choose).

Watch: "1531: A Story Not Finished Yet," a great movie/documentary (only 75 minutes long) about Our Lady of Guadalupe.

COR JESU YOUTH MINISTRY

Our next **Cor Jesu Night** will be Friday, December 20:

FAINT-HEARTEDNESS vs. FORTITUDE

More information:
www.SaintThereseChurchAlhambra.org
Click on the link, "Cor Jesu Youth"

CHRISTMAS CAROLING!

Saturday, December 21, 10:00 a.m.: Leave for Santa Teresita in Duarte to carol for the elderly residents.



See all the photos in **FULL COLOR & SIZE** on the website (click "Photo Albums" on the "Cor Jesu Youth" link).

(Photos courtesy of Elvia Hernandez)



Mass Intentions

Floral Dedications

**For the Week of
December 7 through December 14, 2019**

Saturday:

- 5:00 p.m.: Robert "Bob" Lessard & Daughters, RIP
- Sunday**
- *7:30 a.m.: All Mothers & Grandmothers, INT/RIP
- 7:30 a.m.: Mary DeSantis, RIP
- 9:00 a.m.: Concepcion Aguilar, RIP
- 11:00 a.m.: Damaris Shower, RIP (27th death anniv.)
- 1:00 p.m.: (Latin): Parishioners
- 5:00 p.m.: Gilberto Gomez, RIP

Monday:

- 6:00 a.m.: Frank Govea, INT
- *7:30 a.m.: Therese Hong Nguyen, RIP
- 8:00 a.m.: Laigo Family, INT

Tuesday:

- 6:00 a.m.: Fr. Kevin McArdle, OCD, RIP
- *7:30 a.m.: Florence Schroeder, INT
- 8:00 a.m.: Thresia Kalapura, RIP

Wednesday:

- 6:00 a.m.: John Kaiser, RIP
- *7:30 a.m.: Blesilda Tuan, INT
- 8:00 a.m.: Luis Figueroa, RIP

Thursday:

- 6:00 a.m.: Fr. Philip Sullivan, OCD, INT
- *7:30 a.m.: Sr. Frances, OCD, INT
- 8:00 a.m.: Elide Ayuso, RIP

First Friday:

- 6:00 a.m.: Deputy Joseph Solano, RIP
- *7:30 a.m.: John Okamoto, RIP
- 8:00 a.m.: Christo Sebastian, INT

Saturday:

- 6:00 a.m.: Kuo-Shang, Yu-Mei, and Tai Seng Huo, RIP
- *7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community
- 8:00 a.m.: Maria Luisa A. Lapidario, INT

*Held at the Carmelite Chapel, 215 East Alhambra Road. Open to the public except on Sundays and holidays.

For Advent and Christmas, we will have either greenery (Advent) or poinsettias (Christmas season) on the altar. Call today to schedule your dedication (for a time after the Christmas season) in someone's honor, for a special occasion, or in memory of loved ones! Bouquets are \$50+ each. To arrange for a dedication, call Giovanna at 281-9049.



Outside the Parish

HELP FOR MARRIAGES: 82% of marriages that complete the nine month *Retrouville* (REH-tro-v-eye) program are still together five years later? For questions or registration, call 909-900-5465 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com. Confidential!

You are invited to join Fr. Joe Joseph's Pilgrimage to SWITZERLAND, GERMANY, THE NETHERLANDS BELGIUM, including the OBERAMMERGAU-PASSION PLAY from SEPT. 2-14. Contact Bernadette at bcorp1114@gmail.com or 323-547-6618 / 323-344-1548.

ARE YOU HOMEBOUND? You can view the Mass on TV on Channel 56 (KDOC) every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. For a free copy of the Mass prayer book, call 1-800-430-0930.

Lectors

Saturday

5:00 p.m. Larry Dumont / Alice Cheung

Sunday

- 7:30 a.m. Jackie Johnson / Blanca Ruvalcaba
- 9:00 a.m. Lucas Setiady
- 11:00 a.m. Lucy Lopez / Jeff Storey
- 5:00 p.m. Charlie Gopez

Personal Ads

ROOM FOR RENT in Rosemead apartment to clean, quiet person. Shared bathroom, kitchen privileges. \$630/mo., incl. utilities. Prefer woman but must be non-smoker/non-drug user. Call Rosa at 756-2072.

SEEKING TO RENT a private room with a non-sharing bath. Clean, quiet, non-smoking/-drinking lady always pays on time. Can afford up to \$700/mo., plus security. Call Valerie at 626-353-7648.